

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a data playback apparatus which can judge whether or not digital data, which are composed of a first data part including attribute information, and a second data part which is subsequent to the first data part and in which compressively coded audio and video data are multiplexed, can be played back at a timing when the first data part has been received. An analysis means which receives the first data part in the digital data to be analyzed has a function of detecting a data structure element having a predefined value from the first data part, and stops a receiving operation of a receiving means when the data structure element is not detected.